

Commercial Burglary Suspect Arrested After Committing Burglary- Wilmington

Wilmington- Troopers have arrested a commercial burglary suspect after fleeing the scene of a burglary he just committed.

Since the end of March, Troopers have seen an increase in commercial burglaries in the Wilmington area. On May 8, 2020, at 5:28 a.m., Troopers were dispatched to a commercial burglary at the BP Gas Station, located at 2701 Concord Pike, Wilmington. A witness to the crime was able to provide a suspect description and direction of travel the suspect was seen fleeing in. A Trooper responding to the scene observed a subject walking southbound on Concord Pike matching the suspect description. A pedestrian stop was conducted on the subject who was identified as 32-year-old **Samuel L. Wilson** of Wilmington. Located in Wilson's possession were items confirmed to just be stolen from the BP Gas Station during the burglary, and through video surveillance, Wilson was identified to be the suspect.

Wilson was taken into custody without incident and transported to Troop 2. Through investigative means, Wilson was confirmed to be the suspect who committed the additional commercial burglaries within the Delaware State Police jurisdiction:

- Maiale Deli located at 3301 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, on March 31, 2020, at 3:39 a.m.
- Maiale Deli located at 3301 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, on April 22, 2020, at 4:06 a.m.
- Maiale Deli located at 3301 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, on April 25, 2020, at 4:47 a.m.
- Maiale Deli located at 3301 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington,

on April 29, 2020, during the overnight hours (Attempted Burglary)

- Discount Tobacco & Mini Mart located at 2800 Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington, on March 24, 2020, at 9:34 p.m.

Wilson was charged with the following crimes:

- Wearing a Disguise during the Commission of a Felony (5 counts)
- Burglary 3rd Degree (Felony-6 counts)
- Possession of Burglary Tools (Felony- 5 counts)
- Theft Under \$1500 (6 counts)
- Theft of a Firearm (Felony)
- Criminal Mischief Under \$1000 Damage Property (6 counts)
- Failure to Obey Emergency (6 counts)

He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on a \$47,000.00 secured bond.

In addition, since the end of April, Wilson committed 5 burglaries at 7-11 Convenience Store located at 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, located within the Wilmington Police Department jurisdiction. On May 9, 2020, Wilmington Police Department charged Wilson with burglary and related charges.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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